

RESOLUTIONS
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

In relation to pre-emption rights in that State.

FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS in relation to pre-emption rights in this State.

Whereas, with a view of developing the resources of the country, and advancing the value of the public domain generally, it has been the wise policy of the general government to invite emigration to newly acquired territories, by offering pre-emption rights to actual settlers on public lands; and whereas, also, many of the good citizens of this State have not been enabled to comply with the many technicalities of the existing pre-emption laws, whereby their homes are now subject to be entered from under them by the speculator: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representative requested, to exert themselves to procure, at the next session of Congress, the passage of a law, making it the duty of any person or persons whatsoever, before entering any tract or parcel of the land belonging to the general government, lying within the State of Florida, on which there may be residing at the time an actual settler or settlers, to give said occupant or occupants at least six months' notice; in writing, of the intention to make such entry, to the end that they have an opportunity of securing their homes.

2. *Be it further resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward a copy of the forgoing preamble and resolution to the presiding officers of both houses of Congress of the United States, and to each of our Senators and our Representative in Congress.*

Passed the House of Representatives December 6, 1847.

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.
JOS. B. LANCASTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate December 13, 1847.

C. W. DENNING,
Secretary of the Senate.
D. G. McLEAN,
President of the Senate.

Approved December 15, 1847.

W. D. MOSELEY

STATE OF FLORIDA:

I, James T. Archer, secretary of state of the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the forgoing is a correct transcript of a preamble and resolutions now on file in my office, entitled "preamble and resolutions in relation to pre-emption rights in this State."

Witness my hand and the great seal of the State of Florida,
at Tallahassee, this twenty-second day of
[L. s.] February, A. D. 1848.

JAMES T. ARCHER,
Secretary of State.

FEBRUARY 22 1848.

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PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS in relation to pre-emption rights in this State.

Whereas, with a view of developing the resources of the country, and advancing the value of the public domain generally, it has been the policy of the general government to invite settlement to newly acquired territories, by offering pre-emption rights to actual settlers on public lands; and whereas, also, many of the good citizens of this State have not been enabled to comply with the many requirements of the existing pre-emption laws, whereby their homes are now subject to be entered upon under their

by the speculation of others.
It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in general assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to exert themselves to procure, at the next session of Congress, the passage of a law, making it the duty of any person or persons whatsoever, before offering any tract or parcel of the land belonging to the general government, first within the limits of Florida, on which there may be residing at the time an actual settler or settlers, to give said settler or settlers at least six months' notice in writing of the intention to make such entry, so that said settlers may have an opportunity of securing their homes.

It is further resolved, That the excellency the governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to the residing officers of both houses of Congress of the United States, and to each of our Senators and our Representatives in Congress.

Passed the House of Representatives December 6, 1847.

W. B. LANCASTER,

Clk of the House of Representatives.

JOS. B. LANCASTER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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C. W. DENNING,

Secretary of the Senate.

D. G. McLELLAN,

President of the Senate.

W. L. ROSEBURY,

Approved December 15, 1847.

By the Secretary of State.